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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN POSITION ON US VETO

1. ACCORDING TO CAIRO PRESS, FONMIN FAHMY WILL ISSUE STATEMENT JANUARY 28 PROVIDING GOE VIEW OF UNSC VOTING ON ME RESOLUTION. HE HAS ALREADY, HOWEVER, TOLD PRESS THAT EGYPT HAD BEEN EXPECTING US VETO, SINCE US ATTITUDE SEEMED UNABLE TO MOVE AS QUICKLY AS WORLD PUBLIC OPINION ON SUBJECT OF PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS. FAHMY REPORTEDLY DESCRIBED FRANCE'S POSITION AS "MAGNIFICENT" AND NOTED FRANCE HAS ALWAYS DONE WHAT GOF PROMISED TO DO. FAHMY ALSO THANKED NON-ALIGNED GROUP, LATIN AMERICANS AND JAPAN.

2. PRESIDENCY PRESS SPOKESMAN BASHIR IS QUOTED AS DECLARING US VETO WILL NOT DEPRECIATE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS AND THAT UNSC VOTE SHOWED AMERICAN ATTITUDE CAN NO LONGER BE JUSTIFIED.

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3. PEOPLES ASSEMBLY MEMBERS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE EXPRESSED

CONCERN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION JANUARY 27 OVER US ATTITUDE.

4. EDITORIAL COMMENT IN AHARAM AND AKHBAR IS RELATIVELY MILD. AKHBAR NOTES UNSC IS NOT A COURT AND THUS VETO WILL NOT BRING ARAB STRUGGLE TO AN END. AHARAM SAID US VETO PROVED US STILL REJECTS ONLY WAY TO POLITICAL SETTLEMENT. US MUST BEAR CONSEQUENCES OF BLOCKING STEP TOWARD SETTLEMENT AND PRESENTING TO ARAB WORLD VIEW WHICH DIFFERS FROM THAT CONVEYED THROUGH US ACTIVE DIPLOMACY AFTER OCTOBER WAR. EILTS

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